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DOR TO LAUNCH DEBIT CARD PILOT PROGRAM

ATLANTA—The Department of Revenue announced today it will launch a Debit Card Pilot Program later this week that it anticipates will eventually replace mailing of Georgia income tax paper refund checks.

The debit cards will be mailed to select taxpayers who elected to receive a 2010 Georgia income tax paper refund check. Taxpayers who chose electronic direct deposit of their income tax refund will continue to receive their refunds electronically.

“The Department is launching this Pilot Program because we believe it will improve security and also allow the Department to administer the refund process more efficiently,” Commissioner Doug MacGinnitie said today. “We hope that the debit cards generate positive taxpayer feedback.”

Certain taxpayers will receive a debit card worth the amount of their 2010 Georgia income tax refund. Upon being activated, debit card recipients can transfer the amount on their card into their bank account without charge, just as they would deposit a paper refund check. The debit cards can also be used to make a variety of retail transactions including payment of bills either online or over the telephone.

The debit cards also contain state-of-the-art security features to safeguard taxpayer privacy.

Debit card recipients for the Pilot Program will be asked to provide customer feedback via an online survey so that the Department can gauge the program’s success and effectiveness.